

## AFFAIRS OF THE RAILWAYS.

H. C. Diehl's Change.

H. C. Diehl, general freight agent of the Ohio, Indiana & Western, will today sever his connection with the road to accept his new position. It will be several weeks before he gets the new Interstate line into full operation, but the plan on which it is organized insures popularity and profit, and at once commands the share of business. It will work both east and west. The successor of Mr. Diehl on the Ohio, Indiana & Western will find that it is no easy task to keep the tonnage of that road up to the average standard of several years past. The freight it carries represents earnest work. It can safely be said that situated as the O. I. & W. is, there is not a road in the country which has sharper competition, and with the opening of the Lake Erie & Western into Peoria a new rival comes to the front which will be fully as healthy and vigorous to work against as any they now have, as it practically parallels the O. I. & W. its entire length.

Personal, Local and State Notes.

H. W. Hibbard, general freight agent of the Vandavia, is to be in the city today.

The Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis road earned in April \$301,520, a decrease of \$15,693.

The Brookline locomotive works are building a number of locomotives for Indiana roads, turning out one a day.

The Monon and the Pennsylvania lines now make the round-trip passenger \$10 between Louisville and Chicago.

The Cincinnati, Vashler & Michigan road has been in operation twenty years, and not a single passenger has been killed on its train.

Now that live-stock rates have been reduced to the seaboard market a movement is on foot to reduce them to interior points in the Middle States.

The Louisville, New Albany & Chicago road earned in the first week of May \$37,943, an increase over the earnings of the corresponding week in 1887 of \$2,028.

An important meeting of the presidents and general managers of the roads which are the proprietary lines in the Union Railway Company, will be held here Friday.

H. A. Cooper has been appointed general superintendent of the Toledo, Cincinnati & Southern Railway, with headquarters at Toledo. The appointment took effect yesterday.

Geo. W. Mullen, chief clerk of the Empire line office at Ft. Wayne, is named as the probable successor of J. G. Fisher, who died unexpectedly in that city on Monday night.

J. H. Sessions, agent of the Cleveland, Sandusky & Cincinnati road at Columbus, O., has resigned, and will hereafter represent only the Ohio, Indiana & Western in that territory.

The Baltimore & Ohio has contracted with the Wilmington car-works for fifteen sleeping cars and five parlor cars of the same style as those run by the Woodcraft company on a number of Western roads.

The less pretentious Western lines, the Ohio, Indiana & Western and the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western are now making better time than the Kansas City than their competitors, by one hour and one-quarter.

The Western Union Telegraph Company will today remove their office in the Union Depot to the east room under the National Hotel, as the portion of the old depot which they occupy will come down next week.

The Lake Erie & Western has just placed on the line three combination sleeping and reclining chair cars to run between Sandusky and Peoria, which are owned by the company, and are equal to Pullman's best combination cars.

The Financial Chronicle in its issue of the 12th inst. discommends the South Pennsylvania scheme and says: "When the old Pennsylvania road is merged with the South Pennsylvania completed it will be, and not until then."

President Hart and several of the St. Louis directors of the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis road are West this morning to inspect the property. They are said to be pleased with its condition, and especially with their new acquisition, the Cannelton branch.

The following roads have been added to the list over which the Interstate Dispatch will operate: The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, the Grand Rapids & Dayton, the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa and the Pittsburgh. Over the latter the line will go into Peoria.

The day express north over the O. I. & W. & C. road, yesterday, made the run from Indianapolis to Lafayette, sixty-four miles, in eighty-five minutes, and made four stops at stations and railroads. The Indianapolis & Lafayette the greater portion of the way is up grade.

The Louisville, New Albany & Chicago have a large force of men engaged in putting their passenger equipment in first-class condition. Last week four coaches that had been practically rebuilt were turned out of their shops, and four more taken in to undergo the same improvement.

It is stated that the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago management are becoming tired of depending on other roads for terminal facilities at Indianapolis and at Louisville, and will place their own bonds on the market and use the money raised thereon in making needed improvements.

It is stated that the position of master mechanic of the Bee-line shops at Brightwood has been offered to O. L. Matton, of the L. & N. shops at Matton, and that should be Harry Kins, who was president of the United States Passenger Conductors' Association from its organization until last year, resigned his connection yesterday by tendering his resignation as president, also, as a member of the board of management.

April earnings are showing up much better than had been anticipated. The Financial Chronicle, in its issue of the 12th inst., gives the earnings of 106 roads, eight of them in Indiana, and an increase of \$742,336 over the same period last year is shown. The aggregate is \$23,562,342, or 80.85 miles of road. The same roads have earned since Jan. 1, 1887, \$24,743, an increase of \$2,864,281 over the corresponding four months of 1887 or 3.15 per cent.

George M. Pullman has been in Boston for several days making contracts for Pullman service. He says the business of the company on train service is gaining at the rate of \$50,000 per month, and that the company is earning 18 per cent on its capital stock. As the courts have awarded the patent on vestibule trains to the Pullman company a large increase in that service is expected. The Pullman company is making 18 per cent on its investment it would seem to be about time for the roads to ask for less arbitrary and expensive contracts with the Pullman company.

C. C. Waite, general manager of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton lines, is quite ill and confined to his bed. It is hardly probable that he will continue in the position of general manager of this property after the coming annual meeting, even should he be the choice of the new board of directors. His health is such that his physicians say he must take a rest of several months to recover the effects of overwork. For the last eighteen months he has been overworked with care, and much of the time he has labored under a violent cold, which would break down the strongest constitution.

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday with the Secretary of State by a company to be known as the Indianapolis, Chattanooga & Southern road. The company is organized in Indiana, and is one of the leaders of the enterprise, states that it will run through territory which now has no railroad facilities, and will be a very direct route to the Ohio river, passing through Johnson county, the western edge of Brown, Jackson, Washington, Harrison, Crawford and Perry counties, striking the heart of some of the best coal mines, stone quarries and lumber land in the southern part of this State. South of the river parties have become interested in the enterprise. If built as projected this will be a valuable road for Indianapolis.

PRESBYTERIAN CENTENNIAL.

Arrangements for the Meeting and Reunion of the General Assembly.

The centennial meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America will be held in Philadelphia this week, beginning on Thursday next. The meeting will probably last two weeks, and aside from the historical interest attached to it the assembly will be the most important ever held, as it is expected that the Northern and Southern Churches, which split upon the question of slavery in ante-bellum days, will unite. The arrangements for the programme of the assembly, the entertainment of the delegates, and the reception of the Southern General Assembly, which will come to Philadelphia in a body, have been in charge of a committee of which Rev. J. W. McGarvey, D. D., is secretary, and it is believed that they are as complete as human foresight can devise. A manual of thirty pages has been printed giving details of the arrangements and a volume of devotional hymns, written for special church services in connection with the celebration, has been published.

The two weeks that the assembly will be in session will be a busy time for Presbyterians in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, as many public meetings have been arranged. The opening session will be held in the historic First Church, West on Market square, Seventh and Locust streets, on Thursday morning next, at 11 o'clock. The afternoon session of the first day will be held at 2:30 o'clock in Horticultural hall, where all the business sessions of the assembly will be held from 9 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2:30 to 5 P. M. The Lord's supper will be celebrated by the assembly in the First Church on Thursday evening, May 18, at 8 o'clock.

The popular evening meetings will be held at 8 o'clock in the Academy of Music, as follows: Theological education, by representatives of Princeton, Auburn and Western seminaries, Friday, May 18; theological education by representatives of Lane, Union and McCormick seminaries, Saturday, May 19; missions among the freedmen, Monday, May 21; home mission work, Tuesday, May 22, and foreign mission work, Friday, May 25.

A popular meeting in behalf of aid for colleges and academies will be held in the Chambers Church, Broad and Sanson streets, on Sunday evening, May 20, and a popular meeting for the cause of temperance will be held in the North Broad-street Church, Broad and Great streets, on Sunday evening, May 27. In the Academy of Music next Saturday evening there will be a public meeting for publication and subscription to the Centennial.

A reception will be given to the General Assembly and to the General Assembly of the Southern Church, which will come from Baltimore in a special train, by Mr. and Mrs. William Morris, at their residence near Overbrook Station, on Wednesday afternoon, May 23, and in the morning the General Assemblies will be received in public reception in the Academy of Music.

A Fine Arts. An excursion to Atlantic City will be offered to the General Assembly for the second Saturday of the session, May 26, and an invitation to the College of New Jersey and the Theological Seminary at Princeton to spend an afternoon in visiting those institutions will be extended to the assembly. The meetings for the centennial celebration with the Southern General Assembly, will be held in both the Academy of Music and Horticultural Hall, on May 24, at 10 o'clock, at 5 o'clock and 8 o'clock. The attention to the centennial exercises will be free to all. The alumni of Princeton Theological Seminary have arranged for a banquet on Friday evening, May 26, the place to be announced after the assembly shall meet.

The committee a few days ago was desirous of providing the moderator of the assembly with a special train, but the committee on Transportation, composed of the Rev. J. W. McGarvey, D. D., and the Rev. J. H. Sessions, D. D., declined to do so, as it would be a violation of the rules of the assembly, and would be a violation of the rules of the assembly, and would be a violation of the rules of the assembly.

THE SANCTUM OF FREE SPEECH.

A Little Room as the Capitol Where Democrats Can Say What They Please.

The opinion of Mr. Cleveland held by politicians at the Capitol is changed of late. He cannot be said to be personally popular with the majority of the members, but they have got the best of him and that he is a "devilish ally." Not one of them but will praise him in public, but deep, earnest and irreverent are some of the remarks dropped in private. It is generally accepted now that he has declared his independence of the mugwumps, yet there still lingers a recollection of early efforts. But none of the members of the assembly who are in the room of the Capitol where a man means just what he says there; that he can speak with perfect frankness, and is not to be called to account for it elsewhere. It is a little room just off the statutory hall, occupied by one of the subordinate officials of the House. When a member's feelings get worked up beyond control he may go there and give vent to them and come away relieved. It is believed that Mr. Selden spent most of yesterday and the day before in the room, and it may be a favorite resort for him for some time yet—until he gets to gripe over his Allenwood building. Even profanity is not prohibited there, though it is discouraged as unbecoming and vulgar. It is acknowledged that sometimes a violent burst of expression is necessary to relieve the burden of the mind.

When a man comes in with set teeth and a frown, and sits down in a chair, giving vent to a series of sudden and vehement expressions, the rest bow their heads in silence. This retreat has been a great comfort to overworked Democrats for some time past. Years ago it was the pilgrims that have been made to it. In the earlier days of the administration it was suspected that plotting was going on in this room to overthrow the Cleveland regime. Of late, though all the pilgrims to this shrine declare their unqualified support of the administration, they wind up their most violent outbursts with "But we are for him" and most of them will take off their coats in the campaign. Members assembled there like to review their encounters with the President when he first took control. One can point to a victory in any of these contests for office, he is proud to tell and retell the story. Thus the secrets of how many "offensive partisans" were proven, are told and laughed over in private. It happened to present while a North Carolina man was telling how a presidential postoffice was got for a Democrat in his State.

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